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1. SUMMARY: WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE IMPACT OF THE NEW IMPORT CONTROL SYSTEM FOR PROCESSED FRUIT AND VEGETABLE ITEMS WITH GERMAN TRADE REPRESENTATIVES. OUR CONTACTS EXPRESSED THE TRADE'S GREAT CONCERN REGARDING THE NEGATIVE EFFECT OF THE NEW SYSTEM. IN ORDER TO OBTAIN SOME RELIEF, THE TRADE REPRESENTATIVES REQUESTED U. S. SUPPORT FOR A TECHNICAL REVISION IN THE APPLICATION OF
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THE 75-DAY VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE IMPORT CERTIFICATES.

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END SUMMARY.

2. THERE IS WIDESPREAD CONCERN REGARDING THE CRIPPLING IMPACT THE SYSTEM WILL HAVE ON IMPORTS. THE TRADE, HOWEVER, IS MOST CONCERNED ABOUT THE 75-DAY VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE IMPORT CERTIFICATE. THIS IS MAINLY DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE TRADE CAN NO LONGER BUY MOST OR AT LEAST A LARGE PORTION OF THEIR ANNUAL REQUIREMENTS AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MARKETING YEAR. ALL CONTRACTS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE OUT SUBJECT TO LICENSES GRANTED. THIS WOULD TRANSFER ALL THE RISK TO THE THIRD COUNTRY PACKER/SUPPLIER AND MAKES PROPER PLANNING FOR BOTH THE SUPPLIER AS WELL AS THE IMPORTER IMPOSSIBLE.

3. GERMAN TRADE PLANS TO CONTACT EC COMMISSION AS WELL AS THE GERMAN FED MIN AG AND PROPOSE THE FOLLOWING: THE IMPORTER SHOULD BE ALLOWED TO SELECT AT THE TIME OF THE APPLICATION THE ACTUAL START OF THE 75-DAY VALIDITY PERIOD OF THE CERTIFICATE WITHIN THE MARKETING YEAR. THEREBY THE IMPORTER COULD ORDER AT LEAST A PORTION OF HIS ANNUAL SUPPLY BY REQUESTING SEVERAL CERTIFICATES, EACH ONE WITH A DIFFERENT STARTING DATE OF THE 75-DAY VALIDITY PERIOD. THIS SYSTEM WOULD ALLOW THE COMMISSION TO MAINTAIN THE INTENDED CONTROL OVER THE TOTAL QUANTITIES CONTRACTED AND AT THE SAME TIME ALLOW FORWARD BUYING AS USUAL.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: WHILE WE REMAIN CONCERNED THAT THE SYSTEM WILL BE USED TO CONTROL AND REDUCE IMPORTS, WE FEEL THAT ANY ACTION TO REMOVE SOME OF THE NEGATIVE ASPECTS WILL ASSIST U.S. EXPORTS TO GERMANY. THEREFORE, IF POSSIBLE WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ASSISTANCE WHICH COULD BE GIVEN TO THE TRADE TO MODIFY THE ACTUAL APPLICATION OF THE CERTIFICATE'S VALIDITY PERIOD, POSSIBLY BY REPRESENTATION WITH GOVERNMENTS OF ALL NINE MEMBER COUNTRIES AND THE COMMISSION. NATURALLY WE HAVE NO INTENSION OF SEEING THIS TECHNICAL CHANGE AS A SOLUTION TO THE BARRIER TO TRADE CAUSED BY THE RECENT ADOPTION OF THE IMPORT CONTROL SYSTEM.

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5. PLEASE ADVISE FOR POSSIBLE COORDINATION WITH GERMAN TRADE'S ACTIONS.
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